

## **12-Month Finding and Proposed Delisting of the Island Night Lizard (*Xantusia riversiana*)**

### **About the Document**

**Title:** Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing the Island Night Lizard From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife

**Subject and Purpose:** This document announces the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) 12-month finding on a petition to delist the island night lizard (*Xantusia riversiana*) under the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Service determined that delisting the island night lizard is warranted and we propose to remove this taxon from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife.

### **About the Peer Review Process**

**Type of review:** Letter.

**Number of reviewers:** The peer review process included written requests and confirmation from five species and/or habitat experts to conduct peer review of the proposed rule, followed by individual letters mailed to the experts requesting their review upon publication of the proposed rule on February 4, 2013.

**Reviewer Expertise:** Primary expertise needed for the review is familiarity with the life history, threats, and habitat requirements of the island night lizard.

**Selection of Peer Reviewer:** The Service selected peer reviewers based on their expertise with the subject matter and lack of any conflicts of interest as described in the Office of Management Peer Review Guidelines.

**Management of Peer Review:** The peer review is being managed by the Service.

### **About Public Participation**

**Opportunities for the Public:** The proposed rule has a public comment period from February 4, 2013, through April 5, 2013, and identifies specific information requested from the public. Public comments are to be submitted by hard copy to the Service (Division of Policy and Directives Management) or electronically through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

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